**2025 Application Form**

**Closing date: Wednesday 23 July 2025, 3pm (BST)**

Information about the UK Young Academy can be found at [ukyoungacademy.org](https://ukyoungacademy.org/), including further details on how to apply for membership and eligibility criteria. If you are unsure whether you are eligible to apply, we would encourage you to make an application, as our selection committee takes many factors into consideration to make their decision. Please also get in touch with us if you are unsure whether you are eligible. We recommend you read the [guidance notes](https://ukyoungacademy.org/membership/applying#guidance) for applicants carefully before starting your application.

If you have any questions about applying or about the UK Young Academy in general, please contact [enquiries@ukyoungacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@ukyoungacademy.org).

**Completed application forms must be submitted via the** [**online application portal**](https://youngacademy.powerappsportals.com) **by 3pm (BST) on Wednesday 23 July 2025.**

**Email applications will not be considered.**

**About the UK Young Academy**

The UK Young Academy is an interdisciplinary organisation of UK-based early-career individuals. Launched in 2022, it is part of an international network of Young Academies, and aims to provide a voice to researchers, innovators and professionals from across Society who share a passion to improve our world.

We are looking for dedicated, driven, and dynamic individuals to join our membership. They will live in the UK and be committed to collaborating with others from a spectrum of different sectors.

The application form consists of three main sections that cover an applicant’s career (Section 1, 50% of score), a personal statement (Section 2, 25% of score) and their vision and how they feel they will contribute to the UK Young Academy (Section 3, 25% of score). Applicants will be asked to demonstrate evidence of outstanding professional achievement, together with other relevant skills and experience they might have. This might include, for example, previous involvement in or enthusiasm for innovation and entrepreneurial activity; interdisciplinary working; interest in both global and national professional and societal policy issues and interest or participation in international collaboration.

Alongside the evidence listed above, we are looking for broader skills and experience that demonstrate a passion for working with others; a capacity for leadership; interest in wider societal issues and a flair for innovative and creative thinking.

**Referees**

As part of the application process, we ask you to submit details of two referees who are willing to provide references to support your application. When you submit your referee details as part of your completed online application form, the individual will automatically be contacted to fill out their Referee Form. A document template of this form as well as supporting guidance can be found on the [UK Young Academy’s website](https://ukyoungacademy.org/membership/applying#guidance).

Please ensure that you have already approached your nominated referees beforehand to prepare them for this step.

We do not require references to support the applications of applicants who are asylum seekers or refugees. You can answer ‘not applicable’ for this section of the application form.

**We will require all references to be received by the closing date of 3pm (BST) on Wednesday 6 August 2025.**

Applications and referees which have not been fully completed by the closing date may be deemed incomplete and not progressed for review.

\* Indicates required field

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| **Data Protection** | |
|  | * I agree to the UK Young Academy processing my information for the purpose of administrating the applications for UK Young Academy membership, as set out in its [Privacy Policy](https://ukyoungacademy.org/privacy-policy/)\* |
| **UK residence** | |
| **Are you a current resident of the UK or UK citizen?\*** | * Yes * No * Exceptional circumstances (for example, if you are a refugee or asylum seeker residing in the UK) |
| **SECTION 1: About You** | |
| **Title** | (e.g. Ms, Mr, Dr) |
| **Forename(s)**\* |  |
| **Surname\*** |  |
| **Home address\*** |  |
| **Email address\*** |  |
| **Current job title and organisation\*** |  |
| **Which sector would you place yourself in?\***  Note, this question is for internal use only to support with the reviewing process.  If your work is multi-disciplinary, please select your lead discipline or the most relevant option. | *Life Sciences*   * Biomedical sciences * Cognitive sciences * Clinical sciences * Organismal biology * Environmental biology * Cell biology * Molecular biology * Other (please specify):   *Physical, Engineering and Computer Sciences*   * Physics * Astronomy * Earth sciences * Chemistry * Engineering * Computer sciences * Mathematics and statistics * Other (please specify):   *Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences*   * Language * Literature * History * Geography * Philosophy * Theology * Law * Creative and performing arts * Economics * Political sciences * Social sciences * Other (please specify):   *Business, Public Service and Communications*   * Media and communications * Professional sector leadership * Educational sector leadership * Public sector leadership * Private sector leadership * Other (please specify): |
| **Career History\*** | For each position, please provide:   * Job title * Organisation * Dates from and to * Whether this is your current organisation * A brief description of your main role (max 300 words) * An outline of your roles, responsibilities and achievements in this position (300 words max)   List by most recent position first.  You can use this section to describe any career breaks you may have had, including additional information as needed. For required fields on the form that aren’t relevant to your career break, please put ‘N/A’ |
| **Degree(s)** | Title in full, year, subject, place of award |
| **Professional Qualifications**  **/ Membership of Professional Bodies** |  |
| **Do you consider your primary role to sit within academia, private sector, charity or other?\*** | * Academia * Private sector * Charity * Other (please specify): |
| **SECTION 2: Personal Statement** | |
| **Personal Statement\*** | Describe your motivations for wishing to join the UK Young Academy  *(maximum 500 words)* |
| **Please provide evidence of leadership, responsibility and recognition within your main area of work\*** | *(maximum 500 words)* |
| **Please provide evidence of interests, contributions or recognition outside your main area of work\*** | E.g. cross-disciplinary activities, public and charitable service, outreach/public engagement.  *(maximum 500 words)* |
| **SECTION 3: Your vision and commitment to the UK Young Academy** | |
| **Provide a web link to a short video outlining:**   * **A topic, issue or subject area that interests you, that could be an area for consideration for the UK Young Academy’s work programme\*** | Videos should be no longer than 3 minutes in length. Please note, applications containing videos over this time limit may be deemed ineligible.  Submitted videos do not need to be a polished product and can be simply filmed using your smart phone or tablet. However, please ensure your image is clear and the sound is audible. Read our [guidance on how to make a good video](https://ukyoungacademy.org/membership/applying#guidance) for more information.  All videos should be made available online until at least the end of March 2026, when the selection process will conclude.  If you are unable to or uncomfortable completing the video of your submission, we do offer an alternative. Please get in touch with us at [enquiries@ukyoungacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@ukyoungacademy.org) to discuss how we can best support you in your application. |
| **If your video link is password protected, please state the password** | We would recommend uploading your video as unlisted (so it is not publicly accessible) and without a password if possible. |
| **What do you think the UK Young Academy should prioritise in its first few years and why?\*** | (maximum 300 words) |
| **We are looking for active UK Young Academy members. If selected, how will you prioritise your commitment to the UK Young Academy and its work programmes?\*** | (maximum 300 words) |
| **Please indicate that you can commit the minimum time commitment to the UK Young Academy\*** | (Typically 4-5 hours/month)   * I can accommodate the minimum time commitment required to engage in the UK Young Academy activities |
| **Note, successful applicants will be expected to attend a New Members Induction and All Members’ Meeting on 23 - 24 March 2026 in London.** | * I confirm that I have noted these dates and understand the expectation to attend this event should my application be successful. |
| **SECTION 4: Referees** | |
| Please specify the names and email addresses of two referees who have agreed to support your application.  Your referees should be professionals who are familiar with your area of activity and your achievements and can provide an unbiased insight into your ability to engage and deliver on commitments beyond your sole professional activity.  **Referees will need to submit their supporting statements by 3pm (BST) on Wednesday 6 August 2025.**  Applicants will be notified when a statement has been submitted to support their application, and it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure this part of the process has been completed. We strongly recommend that you approach your nominated referees before submitting your application as they will be notified automatically following submission of your completed application form.  If you have previously submitted an application to the UK Young Academy, you will have the option of re-using your previous referee details and/or their supporting statements. Please see the guidance notes for more information on this. | |
| **Referee 1 Name\*** |  |
| **Referee 1 Email address\*** |  |
| **Referee 2 Name\*** |  |
| **Referee 2 Email address\*** |  |
| **SECTION 5: Marketing** | |
| **How did you find out about the UK Young Academy?** | * Email newsletter * Press coverage * Search engine e.g. Google * Social media - Twitter * Social media - LinkedIn * Social media - Other * UK Young Academy website * Other national Young Academy * Word of mouth * Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Diversity monitoring** | |
| The UK Young Academy is working to create an inclusive environment for everyone involved in our work. With your help, we will be able to better understand the diversity of people who are applying for membership which will help us to identify areas of underrepresentation and address potential barriers.  Completing this short survey will help us achieve this. You can choose ‘prefer not to say’ for any of the questions.  Your answers will be treated in the strictest confidence, and in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation. Responses will be pseudonymised for reporting and will not be used for any purpose other than for the monitoring and evaluation of the UK Young Academy’s activities.  **This information will be collected and stored separately from the rest of your application and will not be visible to those involved in the selection process, including referees.** | |
| **Date of birth** | DD/MM/YYYY   * Prefer not to say |
| **What best describes your gender?** | * Female * Male * Another gender * Prefer not to say |
| **Is the gender the same as you were assigned at birth?** | * Yes * No * Prefer not to say |
| **Do you consider yourself to have a disability?** | *For the purposes of this survey, ‘disability’ includes physical and mental health conditions and illnesses and learning differences.*   * Yes * No * Prefer not to say |
| **What is your ethnic group?** | Asian or Asian British   * Bangladeshi * Chinese * Indian * Pakistani * Any other Asian background   Black or Black British   * African * Caribbean * Any other Black, Black British or Caribbean background   Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups   * White and Asian * White and Black African * White and Black Caribbean * Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background   White   * English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British * Gypsy or Irish Traveller * Irish * Roma * Any other White background   Another ethnic group   * Arab * Another ethnic group * Prefer not to say |
| **What is your nationality?** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   * Prefer not to say |
| **What is your religion?** | * No religion * Buddhist * Christian\* * Hindu * Jewish * Muslim * Sikh * Another religion * Prefer not to say   \* including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations |
| **Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?** | * Bisexual * Gay or lesbian * Heterosexual or straight * Another sexual orientation * Prefer not to say |
| **Confirmation** | |
|  | * I confirm that the information provided within this application form is accurate and up to date to the best of my knowledge.\* |